

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 130

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 9

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 130—Relative to Gold Star Mothers Week.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 130, Havice. Gold Star Mothers Week.

This measure would designate the week of May 27 to June 2, 2002, inclusive, as Gold Star Mothers Week, and urge Californians to pay heed to the heroic sacrifices of our fallen men and women and be aware of the sacrifices made by them.

WHEREAS, To bear a gold star is to display the loss of one's child to war, as a recognition of the grand sacrifices of our fighting men and women; and

WHEREAS, To facilitate this acknowledgment there was founded, in the District of Columbia, an organization called the American Gold Star Mothers, originally incorporated on January 5, 1929, and comprised of mothers who had lost a son or daughter in World War I; and

WHEREAS, Eligibility for membership was expanded to include mothers who lost a son or daughter in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, or the Persian Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, Countless thousands have displayed the gold star and did acknowledge that their child had helped to secure the blessings of liberty for this and all future generations; and

WHEREAS, In the windows of America can still be seen a shimmering gold star, each representing a child lost but never forgotten. This candlelit display of a gold star accompanies the loss of ones so cherished and so generous as were our fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS, The purposes of the American Gold Star Mothers is to keep alive and develop the spirit that promotes world service and maintain the ties of fellowship born of that service and to assist and further all patriotic work; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that we inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation to assist veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and other strategic areas, and their dependents, in the presentation of claims to the United States Veterans' Administration, aid in any way the men and women who served and died or were wounded or

incapacitated during hostilities, and perpetuate the memory of those whose lives were sacrificed in our wars; and

WHEREAS, It is no less important that we maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country in the communities in which we live, inspire respect for the stars and stripes in the youth of America, extend needful assistance to all American Gold Star Mothers and, whenever possible, their descendents, and promote peace and good will for the United States and all other nations; and

WHEREAS, Members of the American Gold Star Mothers spend countless hours contributing both time and resources to provide volunteer services for veterans and their family members; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature designates the week of May 27 to June 2, 2002, inclusive, as Gold Star Mothers Week; and be it further

Resolved, That Californians are urged to pay heed to the heroic sacrifices of our fallen men and women and be aware of the sacrifices made by their loving parents.

